

Window to Wonder: Understanding God's Heartbreak

John 19:25-37

We cannot **understand** God's **heartbreak** at the cross.

But we can begin to **imagine** Mary's!

He was **pierced** for our transgressions. *Zech. 12 & Isaiah 53:5*

Jesus' **sweetness** in the horror holds us here.

Jesus is her little **boy**.

He is also **God's** little boy!

Pierced! Feel the **weight** of that **word**.

The real Mary heard the **thud** of the pounding nails and the sounds of **piercing** pain.

Most **abandon** Jesus, except for a handful of women, his **mother**, and **God!** *John 16:32; cf. Mark 14:50*

The power used to **crush** Mary is the power God **absorbs** to save Mary ... and us!

Mary was not just his **mother**, but was also his **disciple**.

In Mary we see the **heart** of God.

On Sunday, **sorrow** turns to singing, grief is transformed into **glory**, and death is **defeated** by resurrection.

God suffered it, not just in the **moment**, but in the prophecy and **anticipation** of it.

*"When they heard this, they were **pierced** to the heart ..."*

Is mine?